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Dr. Winrod To Give Bible Talk

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, evangelist of Wichita, Kan., whose Senatorial aspirations were defeated in the primaries of his native State in 1938, will deliver a series of Biblical lectures here next week.

Beginning at 8 P. M. Sunday he will speak each night in Pentecostal Full Gospel Church, Lombard and Parkins streets, the meetings being in charge of the Rev. John W. Pitcher, pastor.

Known throughout the country for his anti-radical pronouncements, both over the radio and from the pulpit, Dr. Winrod, in his former political fight against the New Deal, was at various times accused of pro-Nazi tendencies. These claims were never substantiated.

The evangelist, who secured his doctor of divinity degree from a Los Angeles theological seminary, is editor of "The Defender," a widely circulated religious magazine. In 1939 he conducted a series of meetings in Baltimore at Bethel Camp on Taylor avenue and the Belair road.

The theme of Dr. Winrod's opening address is "The Geology of the Church." This will be followed on Monday evening by "The Biology of the Church." He will conclude his lecture series on Sunday, July 24, speaking at 2.30 P. M. on "The Prophetic Destiny of the U. S. A." and at 8 P. M. on "Noah's Days Repeated Today."

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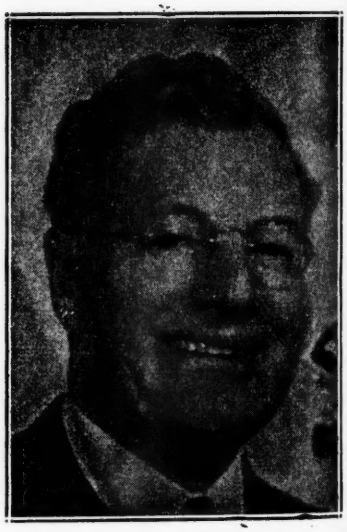
Dr. Gerald B. Winrod began his annual Summer Preaching Tour this year, with an Institute of Spiritual Teaching in Baltimore, Maryland . . . July 11-18. A total of twenty-four meetings were held in eight days, including several radio broadcasts. Because Dr. Winrod's work is of an inter-denominational character, he has this summer labored under the auspices of several different denominations, conducting what he terms "one of the most satisfactory itineraries I have enjoyed during more than twenty years of travel." Despite persecution, his Bible Conference and Evangelistic labors are today enlarged beyond anything previously known. For years, the victim of a conspiracy of lies, he has been publicly maligned and misrepresented by smear artists working according to a nation-wide plan. This campaign of misrepresentation has operated through both press and radio. However, the smearers have become somewhat conservative, since he recently brought legal action for libel, against two nationally read newsstand publications. It is reported that other similar suits are to follow unless immediate retractions are forthcoming. Dr. John W. Pitcher is Pastor of the large and influential Church in Baltimore, where Dr. Winrod's summer Conference was sponsored. Thousands of Baltimorians were gratified over the truthful statement which appeared in one of their local newspapers (as reproduced above) prior to his arrival in the city.



REV. JOHN W. PITCHER, D.D.

Spiritual Defense Crusade Meetings

THE National Spiritual Defense Crusade, an organization that distributes New Testaments by the ton among members of the American armed forces, sponsored summer meetings with Dr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod as speakers . . . in Akron, and Lorain, Ohio. A large Gospel Tent was used at Akron. The Lorain meetings were held in the Gospel Tabernacle of which Rev. Daniel Balas is Pastor. Dr. Winrod also preached in the Park Street United Brethren Church, at Kenmore, Ohio . . . of which Rev. F. G. Reece is the Pastor. A total of twenty-seven services were held in these Ohio communities, several being broadcast through the facilities of Akron's three radio stations.

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Christ and Scripture Under Attack

An Editorial . . . . By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

1. Prologue

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:18.

For verily I say unto you. Here, for the first time in the New Testament, does this august expression occur—as part of our Lord's recorded sayings. Bible students have grown so familiar with the phrase as to lose some of its import. The background and context show it to be a statement of supreme legal and legislative authority.

"I SAY." There is no higher authority . . . no court of appeal. God hath spoken! When we observe, in both Testaments, how jealously Jehovah guards the prerogative of proclaiming the validity of the written Word, human attacks upon its claims become manifestly out of order. But evil men dislike authority. There are groups that despise Christ. This often causes them to do curious and foolish things.

"Till heaven and earth pass." A stronger figure of speech could not be woven into the fabric of human language. Psalms 104:25-26, contrasts the permanency of the heavens and the earth with the immutability of Jehovah. The Lord Jesus Christ places the supernaturally inspired Scriptures above heaven and earth in the matter of stability. The passage emphasizes the permanency of the great truths supernaturally revealed in the Book.

"One jot or one tittle." A jot is the smallest of Hebrew letters. A tittle is one of those little strokes of the pen by which alone some Hebrew letters are distinguished from others like them. The meaning is patent. The inspired Word will survive all attacks. Not one jot or tittle will be destroyed. The man who tries to destroy it, is butting his head against a stone wall. His foolish attempts are doomed to failure. He is inviting judgment upon his miserable head. Even as a curse is promised those who persecute Christians . . . so also, adversity awaits the man who undertakes to mutilate the Scriptures.

A companion warning is given in Revelation 22:19, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."

To the Judaistic leaders, namely the Pharisees, Jesus continued His remarks as recorded in Matthew 5:19, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven."

One Commentary explains this passage as follows: "As the thing spoken of is not the breaking or disobeying of the law, but annulling or enervating its obligation by a vicious system of interpretation, and teaching others to do the same; so the thing threatened is a degraded and contemptuous position in the present stage of the kingdom of God. They (enemies of the Bible) shall be reduced by the retributive providence that overtakes them, to the same condition of dishonor to which, they by their system and teaching, sought to bring down those eternal principles of God's law."

A nation that seeks to dethrone God within its borders and destroy reverence for His revealed Word, negates divine truth to its detriment, and consequently maintains no foundation upon which to build national character. Because integrity is the only rational basis of economic and political security, the leaders of such a nation jeopardize the welfare of their citizens. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Considering that a quarter of a century ago, occult international destructionists succeeded in gaining control of one particular country, and used it as a hub for promoting world-wide revolution with atheism as their religion, intensified assaults upon the Word of God and the Person of Jesus Christ may be expected in the United States. Atheistic poison has been constantly disseminated through the channels of internationalism. Unfortunately, those responsible for this motivation of hate, lack capacity to discern their fate, according to the solemn warning given in the foregoing passages of Scripture.

2. Profanity

Followers of Christ were recently taken off guard, and left stunned, by attacks originating with Communistic sources, demanding deletions of certain passages from Protestant and Catholic New Testaments. Red propagandists, working in part through carefully chosen fronts, are conducting a shrewd anti-Bible, anti-Christ campaign, designed to delete, denature and devitalize the Word of God.

According to press dispatches, the Roman Catholic Church has yielded to

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pressure, by agreeing to remove two passages from the official edition of the New Testament circulated among Catholic boys in the armed forces. **To date, no such compromises have been reported on the part of Protestants.**

The specially-prepared Testament, arranged by Catholic Churchmen for soldiers, bears the title: "My Daily Reading From The New Testament." This Version has the endorsement of Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Jewish magazines and secular newspapers announced in April of this year that a telegram had been sent to Roosevelt, "protesting statements alleged to be anti-Semitic in the Catholic Testament." Immediately thereafter, the Associated Press carried a dispatch from Washington, saying that Brigadier General W. R. Arnold, the Roman Catholic Chief Chaplain of the United States Army, had promised that the necessary "corrections" would be made.

On April 29, 1943, the "Jewish Sentinel said editorially: "Distribution of the book containing New Testament readings to Catholic personnel in the United States armed forces has been discontinued by order of the Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt."

This magazine also stated: "Leaders in the churches have realized to what extent religious prejudices, and particularly anti-Semitism are religiously motivated. You can't stamp out religious intolerance and prejudice by celebrating one Brotherhood Week and Day a year, if during the rest of the year the poison of religious bigotry is spread and prescribed as 'the faith delivered to the saints'."

Reading and distributing the New Testament Scriptures is thus described as promoting "the poison of religious bigotry" due to certain passages contained therein.

During May of this year, another Jewish publication called "In Fact," released a second blast at the Catholic Testament Having gained the promise that two "objectionable" passages would be removed, the critics came back with a demand that twenty more deletions be made.

"In Fact" explains that a member of their editorial staff visited General Arnold at Washington, suggesting "that inasmuch as the Bible readings printed for the forces was a condensation, it would have been more Christian to leave out the most hate-provoking passages against the Jews." Thereupon, the Chief Chaplain was given "twenty passages to examine and (it was) suggested that these be eliminated." The article says: "General Arnold replied he would study them and give the suggestion consideration."

Not all Catholics are friendly to the idea of having their New Testament mutilated, as evidenced by the following editorial appearing in "The Gaelic American:"

"Because of the protests of Jewish organizations, alleging that certain passages of the Catholic Version of the New Testament are anti-Semitic, Msgr. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, has announced that the passages objected to will be eliminated from future editions distributed to the armed forces.

"Both Catholics and Protestants have long been wise to Leftists and Communists posing as Christians, with little or no faith — outwardly working for the promotion of a better feeling between different races and religions, but actually behind the scenes carrying on a diabolical and fiendish campaign of anti-Christianity, in an effort to black out the Christian way of life and to communize America. To claim that any reference made to the Jews in either the Old or the New Testaments is anti-Semitic is blasphemous, and charges Almighty God with the sin of anti-Semitism."

A well-known Protestant clergyman in the State of Ohio, analyzes the situation this way:

"Because the Catholic Testament is controlled, and its distribution directed, from the top of the Roman Church, it could be attacked successfully. In other words, their Testament, is under the control of one group of men, at one source. Fortunately for us Protestants, our Bibles are manufactured and distributed by widely different groups, making it well nigh impossible for the enemy to attack all Protestant labors simultaneously."

Groups thus responsible for profaning the Word of God, have taken to themselves a grave responsibility. They are moving counterwise to the Almighty. Before the bar of eternal justice, they are guilty of a heinous crime. Retribution will be swift and sure. Human beings cannot engage in such Profanity without provoking divine wrath and bringing upon their heads certain judgment. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger . . . He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever."

3. Putrescence

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assault upon the Person of Christ and the Inspiration of the Scriptures — an attack that oozes Putrescence. I refer to the "Guiborry Bible," aptly called "the Bible of the Antichrist," now being introduced in the United States. Sponsors of this weird production hope that it will eventually destroy and supplant the Christian Scriptures.

The Guiborry Bible is a tome of 2,000 pages, weighing approximately five pounds, published during April of this year, from manuscripts composed in a Palestine cave by a Russian Jew, known to the public as Moses Guiborry—a man who claims to have made a pilgrimage on foot from Russia, that he might spend seven years in the "Cave of the Sanhedrin," in Palestine. This so-called bible is being brought to America by Rabbi David Horowitz, whom Guiborry describes as "the angel Gabriel."

A great many people were recently shocked to learn that Mr. Boake Carter, the well known news writer and radio commentator, had renounced Christianity and turned to Judaism through reading this bible. Writing in the Hearst newspapers, under the heading, "Why I Embraced Bible Hebrewism," he explained that Rabbi Horowitz, "converted" him. The following succinct statements are abridged from his lengthy confession:

"David and I met. We studied at length. Sometimes sixteen, seventeen hours a day — four, sometimes five, days a week. I am satisfied that the Story is THE STORY that the whole world is looking for. I reshaped my personal life to observe all those laws which are contained in the Book of the Mosaic Law. I wrote many of my friends to share the glory of this great and mighty book written by Moses Guiborry in Palestine.

"The work of publication has been undertaken by three individuals in America, of whom I have the supreme honor of being one. The other two are Joseph J. Weed and David Horowitz of New York. To facilitate the task, we formed the SOCIETY OF THE BIBLE IN THE HANDS OF ITS CREATORS.

"As research by Mr. Guiborry continually brought further revelations to light, so were corrections and additions made. Then came the war. Contact is now confined largely to cable. Clipper planes carry the material, at heavy cost, as it arrives from time to time. The world will yet have to reckon with what has come out of Zion from Moses Guiborry."

Many will recall that during the early stages of the New Deal, Mr. Carter was an outspoken critic of Washington bureaucracy. This caused him to become the target for a great deal of abuse. He finally lost contact with the public by radio. A large number of newspapers dropped his daily syndicated articles. It will be interesting to see if his conversion to "Bible Hebrewism," brings about reinstatement as a moulder of public opinion.

The Guiborry Bible is printed in two languages. The left hand column of each page is in English, the right hand in Hebrew. As the Christian reader laboriously peruses the difficult pages of this book, five major avenues of thought channel themselves in his mind: (1) That Guiborry presents himself as deity incarnate, (2) That Jesus was Satan incarnate and a bastard, (3) That His Mother Mary was a prostitute, (4) That the Talmudic code of the Jews has been revised and brought up to date, (5) That a cold blooded plan has been inaugurated for exterminating the Christian religion and setting the stage for the Anticrist of Bible prophecy announced to rise in the end-time of present dispensation.

The fact that a man of Boake Carter's attainments should become a convert of the system, indicates something of the forcefulness of its Satanic claims. Mr. Carter's motives and sincerity are unquestionably above question. He no doubt believes that an important revelation is being given to the world from a cave in Palestine . . . not understanding that the whole thing is a Satanic hoax — an attempt to mimic and counterfeit the Son of God, Who was born in a cave at Bethlehem. Someone should explain to him that Satan is a counterfeiter and frequently appears as "an angel of light." garbing himself in garments that resemble truth, deceiving "the very elect."

According to page 1504, the name Guiborry evidently originates from "El Gibbor (Mighty God)." Although the writer professes to be deity, he admits fallibility by apologizing for the grammatical construction of his bible. He says: "And therefore the readers cannot, of course, demand of me, in this my Book, a language of classic literature, and cannot come to me with murmurings regarding 'mistakes,' or literary, grammatical, and

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ONE evening, during the sumer of 1941, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod was delivering a sermon-lecture at Lake Pleasant Conference Grounds, near Erie, Pa. . . . speaking on experiential religion. Several times, he repeated the phrase "I Know that I Know, that I Know, etc., there is a God, because I have experienced Him in the realm of my consciousness."

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technical defects." He explains that, "the entire Deity is found exclusively among the Jews." His adherents are also told that Jewish "bodies are of Divine substance," so their blood cannot fuse with other races through intermarriage.

According to the Guiborry philosophy, God is an evolutionary process, personalized from generation to generation in certain highly developed Jewish individuals. He professes to be the latest manifestation of deity in flesh. This arrangement is described as "interchanging."

Old Testament prophets are described as God in corporeal form, "interchanging" from time to time, down to Guiborry, the most recent edition of Jehovah! The wild claims which this mentally-deranged hermit makes for himself, reminds the Bible student of our Lord's prophetic utterance: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Jacob is described in the Guiborry Bible as God until the time that he "interchanged" with his son Joseph, thereby causing the latter to become clothed with the mantle of Deity. Turning to page 672, we read: "Joseph too was one of the first of the sons of Jacob who interchanged with Jacob and became God in his place."

But, Satan also "interchanges" from time to time, in human form. The highest and most perfect expression of Satan personalized in physical substance, that the world has even known, was none other than that notorious imposter, fake and bastard — Jesus Christ!

Turning to pages 1506-7, we read: "Jesus is the Satan whom the Christians, in all their denominations and sects, have all the time, for over nineteen hundred years, worshipped as their saviour-god, behold from the words: 'Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon.'

"We can learn that in speaking there about the virgin daughter of Babylon, Isaiah chiefly alludes thereby to the mother of Jesus, who, by origin, was Rahab, the mate of Chattah the original Satan, or one of her reincarnations . . . by reason of the fact that she too is one of the gods of Christianity, inasmuch as only now, in the fact that we are now revealing in this Book of mine all the secrets of the Bible pertaining to this matter, do **WE DEFINITELY DESTROY ALL THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY** without leaving it even the least possibility of any kind of rectification and through this do we also automatically fulfill the words: 'Thy nakedness shall become visible, also thy shame shall be seen . . . ' (verses 3-9) also contained in those cited above, which were spoken in the manner they were only in connection with this our act, so as to prevent her from continuing, for all future time, to be the mistress of kingdoms, and her son Jesus from continuing, for all future time, to be the god of Christendom. For by means of this our labor we are bringing him down from the throne of his kingdom without there being the slightest possibility of ever returning him to it again."

On pages 1509-10-11, these false and blasphemous statements are recorded: "The origin of the mother of Jesus was not in Jewish seed, but in the seed of the Chaldeans, namely, that just as his father, thus also the mother of Jesus was not a daughter of Israel but a daughter of the Chaldeans, a daughter of Babylon even as an ordinary Jew could they not have accepted him after he had openly said of himself that he had no begetting father. For, in that he, Jesus of Nazareth denied that he was born of a corporeal father **HE INTRODUCED HIS OWN MOTHER BEFORE THEM AS A HARLOT** who on the basis of the fact that she was already espoused to a man, had the impudence, not withstanding this, to give birth to a son by another and who together with his original father, was deserving of death according to the law of Moses as is understood from the words: 'If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband: then shall both of them die,' and he introduced himself as a **BASTARD**, whom, according to the same Law, the Jews, constituting the congregation of Jehovah, were absolutely forbidden to receive as one of them, as is understood from the words, 'A bastard shall not enter into the kingdom of Jehovah,' (Deut. 23:2) . . . this commandment was the only one of its kind among all the commandments found in the entire law

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of Moses by means of which we could have prevented the Jews from accepting Jesus of Nazareth as a member of the congregation of Jehovah."

The Guiborry Bible also charges the Lord Jesus Christ with being a sexual pervert, in these words: "And if from the latter words thereof it might be understood that Jesus of Nazareth did not at all restrain himself from the pleasure of entering into sexual relations. This belittles his personal holiness in the eyes of his believers."

Since Christ was the great Master Satan, all Christians are "little Satans." When it suits Guiborry's purpose, he accepts New Testament records as authentic. An example of this is noted in his use of Matthew 16:13-23 where Jesus rebuked Peter for trying to dissuade Him from going to Calvary. The Christ said, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Guiborry submits this remark, as proof that Jesus regarded both Himself and the disciples as Satans. Not only Peter, but all Popes are discussed as devils.

Pages 1531-32 of the Guiborry Bible allude to Matthew 16:21-25, showing how Christ instructed His followers to take up the Cross and follow Him. The Master is pictured as the super-Satan, trailed by lesser Satans. Guiborry says, that being Sin incarnate, "Jesus, as a Serpent, was lifted up on a pole exactly like the copper serpent which Moses lifted up on a pole in order that the bitten children of Israel should only look at it, but not serve it, as a symbol of the true Serpent who eventually had to be crucified on a pole, lifted up on a pole."

The Cross of Christ is described as a Satanic idol, mentioned prophetically by Isaiah as "the wood of their graven image." On this idol, a demoniac died, He being "a god that cannot save."

Page 1518 of this new bible refers to Christ "as a carcass trodden under foot." It admits that He was crucified, but denies the story of His resurrection. It refers to Christian Preachers as "clever foxes." We read: "Jesus was not even stolen away from the place where he was buried, but that he was simply cast outside of it to become dung on the face of the ground 'as a carcass trodden under foot'." Comparing Jesus' fate to that of Jezebel, eaten by dogs, the writer remarks that at least "the palms of her hands and her feet" were saved but nothing of Jesus who "remained in the very place he had been cast without there being any one to bury him again."

Guiborry says: "Throughout the whole world there exists only one small, eternally driven people, which has not accepted Christ, neither during his life nor at his death, and it will never accept him. That people is the Jewish nation."

This attack upon the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is surpassed only by the Talmud, to which Guiborry is obviously indebted for his basic ideas. Jesus denounced the Talmud, in the days of His flesh, as "tradition" which caused the Jews to "transgress the commandment of God."

When faced with powerfully organized, entrenched opposition, it becomes incumbent upon Christians to defend themselves and their Faith. Nothing is to be gained by raising the cry of "anti-Semitism" against believers when they take an open, public stand in opposition to this kind of persecution, intolerance, falsehood and bigotry. **And nothing is to be gained by causing the followers of Christ to be arrested on the preposterous charge of "sedition," when they are forced, by circumstances beyond their control, to discuss these matters.**

4. Protest

Bible-believing Christians, most emphatically, are NOT weak and inferior beings! Their tolerance, long-suffering and ability to endure persecution, is some times misunderstood and misinterpreted. Church history shows that they can stand

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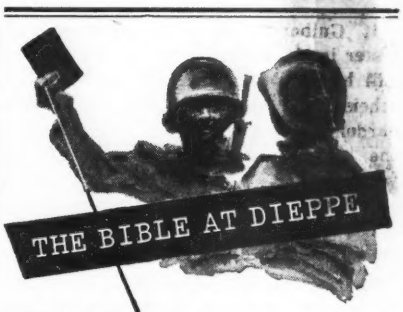

Quentin Reynolds, war correspondent, stood as an observer on the deck of a cruiser just off Dieppe as the world's fiercest and biggest commando raid was in progress. A barge came alongside and discharged about 30 men—nearly all wounded. A young sergeant with a superficial arm wound was among them. To the correspondent's questions he said, grinning, "I knew nothing could happen to me, I had a swell mascot—a Bible." He dug down into his water-soaked clothes and came out with a sodden little book. "My father carried it all through the last war, and he never got hurt. So when I left he gave it to me, and believe me I'll always carry it."

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a great deal of punishment but when aroused, become "terrible as an army with banners."

If Guiborry poison is permitted to fester in the soul of America, the results will be disastrous. It was this kind of atheistic philosophy that crystallized, hardened into a program of action, gained the upper hand in Russia twenty-five years ago, and became a scourge to the whole world through the arteries of international Communism.

In one of His discourses, our Lord said it was necessary to "bind the strong man," in order to overcome opposition. He was alluding to the operation of Satanic forces through certain men, causing them to become "strong," in carrying forward evil schemes and designs. The Master saw deeper than the words and deeds of wicked men. He understood the demon powers which twist their minds and cause them to engage in evil practices. He made it clear that "the strong man" can be bound — rendered impotent by the power of prayer. We are reminded of Bloody Mary's confession that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of Europe. Wicked men in positions of power can be prayed out of public office. Politicians are not omnipotent. Christians prayed Bloody Mary into a position where her dastardly deeds became ineffective.

Since the present war began, we have heard a great deal about alleged "secret weapons" — superhuman instruments of warfare waiting to be unleashed, by one side or the other. You and I, as spiritually-minded followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a SECRET WEAPON. It is described in Matthew 6:4, "Thy father which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly." There is a spiritual world. And there is a physical world. The relation of the spiritual to the physical, is that of Cause to Effect. Prayer is a secret, spiritual weapon that deals with Causes.

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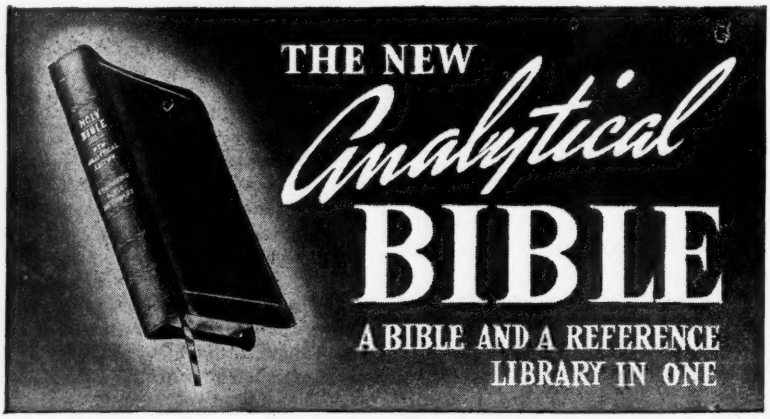
The hour has come for a great organized Protest on the part of Bible-believing Christians throughout America—first in prayer, that the Holy Spirit shall energize and give direction to the effort . . . and second, by mobilized Christian action, through the press and pulpit, by means of radio, distribution of literature, and at the ballot box. While our boys are busily engaged at the Foreign Front, the followers of Christ must work and pray for a moral and spiritual awakening to involve the conscience of the American people, on the Home Front.



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"Therefore I say unto you, that what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

"Call unto me and I will answer thee: and show ye great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled down upon his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel 6:10.

"Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud and he shall hear my voice." Psa. 55:17.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

Neglect praying, and you will backslide.

SECOND . . . Every day let God say something to you.

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jer. 15:16.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Eph. 6:17.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psa. 119:105.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Josh. 1:8.

Set apart at least ten minutes a day for your Bible, and let God speak to you.

THIRD . . . Every day say something for God.

"What if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For

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Report Of Missionary Advance

Rev. E. H. Crowson, Trustee . . . The India Mission Fund, Inc.

AS WE read The Defender from time to time, we rejoice that God has given to our Country, in these perilous times, a Voice that warns, instructs and inspires in the things of God. We delight, also in its clear evangelistic call, and the evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the lost.

Our Company, also, feel most urgently the constraining love of Christ to reach and proclaim among the heathen, the Gospel of the divine reconciliation of sinners, and the liberty which comes only through Christ. We ask the prayers of the Defender Family of readers and workers.

Our American and Indian Committees in the Department of Christian Education, are now engaged in research looking toward a standardization and an enrichment of our Bible Training School Courses of Study in India. Under war conditions, the negotiation of these matters is tedious; but, we hope by January 1, 1945 to put this improved policy into full effect. The purpose of this Department is to prepare saved men and women for the business of carrying the Gospel to India's unsaved. We ask the prayers of God's saints in this matter. Our Committees are composed of able and consecrated men of God, who are giving themselves prayerfully to this vital and constructive work.

During the last 3 years of complete record, despite terrific pressure of war trials in India, our brethren in that strategic field travelled 27,542 miles in serving the work; distributed 45,010 Bibles, Gospels, and tracts; delivered 6,288 sermons, interviews, and appeals; reached 2,724 points with the Gospel; made 10,633 visits in Gospel work conducted 1,285 prayer-services; led in 96 revivals; reached 950,624 souls with the Gospel of Christ; and were instrumental, under God's gracious favor and power, in seeing 2,354 converts gained to Christ out of the dark night of sin and heathenism. As we consider these accomplishments of divine grace, we are moved to exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Instead of hindering us, the war has actually seemed to open new avenues of Christian labor. Last year, the 17 "literacy schools," with an enrollment of over 1,500 students, became a means in God's hand for scattering the light of His Word to multitudes who had not heard of Jesus and His saving grace.

What we do in 1944 to advance and hold the line already gained will be largely determined by the ability of our Company to finance these faithful laborers and to enter the opened doors now beckoning us. This, in turn, rests upon the response of God's people here at home. And, finally, it all rests upon God. Unto Him, therefore, we are praying that He may speak clearly to many hearts, and that these may hear His voice and obey, and that many hands may be joined with us to advance the cause of Christ in India. We appreciate the love-offering sent in by Doctor Winrod, and trust that many others may see the vision of God for the salvation of the heathen and come to our help.

Beloved, the heathen world NEEDS God. The doors are open. Who will help us enter therein? We thus confess: ONE LORD, Jesus Christ. ONE FAITH, the pure, non-modernistic, old-time faith of the saints rooted and grounded in the Bible as the Word of God. ONE BAPTISM, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, cleansing away sin, filling with power, and bringing joyous service to full fruition in the Master's Spirit and Name. Thus we believe and confess.

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with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9-10.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 6:16.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen." Isa. 43:10.

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed." Mark 8:28.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." I John 4:15.

"Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day." Psa. 96:2.

"Return to thine house and shew how great things God hath done unto thee." Luke 8:39.

FOURTH . . . Every day do something for God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

"Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Matt. 10:42.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

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Bureaucracy's Threat To Liberty

Congressman Roy O. Woodruff . . . of Michigan

ONE OF the causes of the American Revolution was the number of Government employees sent by the Tory Government of England to govern the actions of the Colonists. Accusing the King personally of this form of oppression, the Declaration of Independence stated that—

"HE HAS ERECTED A MULTITUDE OF NEW OFFICES AND SENT HITHER SWARMS TO HARASS OUR PEOPLE AND EAT OUT THEIR SUBSTANCE."

The right of home rule, the right to govern themselves through officers of their own choosing, the right to change those officers whenever they should not serve the common interest—these were some of the reasons for the revolt against the Government of those days.

During the last few years those same reasons have returned again to menace our freedom. Again home rule is threatened in every community and State; again our right to have our actions governed by officers of our own choosing is being outrageously infringed; again our right to rid ourselves of unwanted officials and unneeded offices has been made impossible to exercise. And again there are signs of a spirit of revolt against a situation fast becoming intolerable.

When Thomas Jefferson was President, there was but 1 Federal employee for every 5,308 Americans. Today there is 1 Federal employee for every 45 persons, without counting the men in uniform. Figuring the average American family at 4½ persons, this means that 1 in every 10 families is supported by the Federal Government, and help to rule the other 9.

These Federal employees are not all in Washington. Most of them are scattered throughout the States. Less than half are concerned with the war. There are 44,000 Federal employees in the State of Michigan alone, as compared with 93,000 Michigan State and local government employees — excluding the 50,000 engaged in education. The total number of Federal employees in the United States on April 1, 1943—the latest official figures available—not counting the military, is 2,991,327.

The total number of State and local government employees, including school teachers, is 3,237,000. More than 48 per cent of our combined, Federal, State and local government employees are at work administering the laws of the Central Government at Washington. This in a country which fought for its freedom from a government that denied the principle that local affairs should be governed by local governments consisting of local officials.

There was a time in the memory of living Americans when the only contact most persons had with Federal officials was when they bought a postage stamp, saw a United States marshal ride horseback into town, or caught a glimpse of a Federal circuit judge alighting at the station platform for a short term of court.

Today, however, Federal officials and Federal officeholders are permanent residents of every city and county, almost of every block and township. There is now hardly a man or woman but who must frequently accommodate his actions to the regulation of some local representative of the strong, centralized power in Washington which we have allowed to encroach upon the rights of States and communities to govern themselves in matters affecting only local interests.

O. P. A.'s regulations controlling business transactions fill 5 thick volumes with 11,000,000 words. Even housewives are not immune from the effects of the extension of Federal power through the O. P. A. The regulations proposed to govern housewives who seek to can and preserve food for their family tables fill 6 newspaper columns with technical wordage. It took 500 O. P. A. lawyers in Washington to prepare this agency's maze of regulations. More than 2,200 more lawyers have been hired to see that they are enforced in every State, city, and village, on every farm and in every home.

It is the same story in many other Federal agencies and bureaus. The entire country has been infiltrated with Federal employees who draw their power and authority, not from the States and communities affected by their actions, but from the Federal Government in Washington. Their first allegiance is not to those with whom they deal and among whom they live, but to a hierarchy of officialdom which may be thousands of miles away.

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Neither are these bureaucracies subject to anything more than the most

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tenuous supervision or control by the people or the people's representatives in Congress. The King's officers in the American Colonies and the absentee landlords of Ireland never created a situation more inimical to the liberties of a people than does the presence of Federal employees extending this power even into the most remote villages in America.

The tremendous cost of this continent-wide government by bureaucracy is secondary to the threat it has created to the American system of representative democracy. True it is that the salaries of Federal employees, even though they are numerically 10 percent under the total of State and local government employees, including teachers, exceeds the salaries of the latter by almost 14 percent; but the millions spent from taxes to support the horde of Federal employees would be cheap if it guaranteed the preservation of individual freedom. On the contrary, however, the millions being spent are destroying, not preserving, the American way of life.

We are engaged in a foreign war which broke upon us suddenly one Sunday morning in Hawaii. But there is another war which began 167 years ago when we proclaimed ourselves to be a free and independent Nation, and which has continued uninterrupted to this day. It is the day in and day out struggle to keep free of domestic tyranny, and it must continue to be fought in every corner of America.

There are forces—some ignorant, some malicious—constantly at work to swerve us from the clear paths blazed by our forefathers. They have had to be resisted in every city and town and State, at every ballot box, in every public forum, in every legislative body, in every court in the land. But one threat to our liberties has been allowed to intrude itself slowly and subtly into every office, factory and home: The threat borne by a locust swarm of Federal employees so remotely responsible to the people that such responsibility can hardly be said to exist. It is this threat which we must fight even as we fight our foreign foes. It is this threat that we must crush now, lest tomorrow it crush us.

—From the Congressional Record.

Congressman Says Negroes Deceived

ON ONE of the closing days of the last session of Congress, the Honorable John E. Rankin of Mississippi, addressed the House of Representatives as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cellar) said a moment ago that they ought to seize the farmers' meat and cattle in order to feed the people in New York.

Now, if he will send that gang of communistic Jews and Negroes that came down here day before yesterday and tried to storm the House restaurant, and went around here arm in arm with each other in this Capitol, if he will just send them down into Texas, or out into the West, or anywhere else in the cattle-growing belt, to do the seizing of those cattle, they will not have so many people to feed in New York.

It is dawning on the American people who is creating and promoting this race trouble and these race riots throughout the country.

I want to say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cellar) that when they dig into those race riots in Detroit and elsewhere, they will find that the same element promoted them, and they will find the same element stirring up race trouble here in Washington.

When those communistic Jews — of whom the decent Jews are ashamed— go around here and hug and kiss these Negroes, dance with them, intermarry with them, and try to force their way into white restaurants, white hotels and white picture shows, they are not deceiving any red-blooded American, and, above all, they are not deceiving the men in our armed forces—as to who is at the bottom of all this race trouble.

The better element of the Jews, and especially the old line American Jews throughout the South and West, are not only ashamed of, but they are alarmed at, the activities of these communistic Jews who are stirring this trouble up.

They have caused the deaths of many good Negroes who never would have got into trouble if they had been left alone, as well as the deaths of many good white people, including many innocent, unprotected white girls, who have been raped and murdered by vicious Negroes, who have been encouraged by these alien-minded Communists to commit such crimes.

They are spreading their poisonous doctrine of hate among the Negroes and thereby making it impossible for them to live in peace with the white people around them.

Communism is dying in Russia, or rather it is being run out of Russia by the Russians themselves, but it is still active in this country, as the records of these race riots show.

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Larry Asman

I have before me a letter written by a patriotic American soldier from Detroit, Mich., in which he tells of these Communists stirring up trouble among the Negroes in Detroit. He said that one night in August 1942 he went into "Paradise Valley" and witnessed a big Communist turn-out, attended very largely by the Negroes of Detroit.

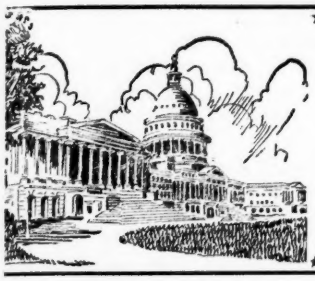
The Communists, he said, set up loudspeakers and in a short time a large crowd had gathered, and in 10 minutes those Communist agitators were spreading their doctrine of hate and revolution among those Detroit Negroes. One of these speakers, he said, shouted, "The party of the Negro people is the Communist Party." They told them, "If you want to be free and happy, you should join the Communist Party of Michigan as soon as possible." They also shouted, "If you want good homes, you must fight for them."

One of the speakers said, "The rich capitalists, white people of Detroit have robbed you of the good homes and schools that you should rightfully have. The Communist Party is your only hope of getting back what is yours."

He said the Communist Party sponsored meetings of this kind almost every week in Detroit, and had the Negroes there stirred up almost to the point of revolution—"after some of these crafty Communist orators had finished their outpouring of hate." He said that all these meetings were designed "to turn Negroes against whites," and that "This latest bloody outburst is just the beginning, if communism is allowed to continue its revolutionary program in Detroit and the United States of America."

This young man says further: "I am preparing to lay down my life on a distant battlefield for my country. There are millions of us who are now training for war against the Jap and Nazi aggressors. In the name of God, in the name of our country, in the name of our Republic let us destroy that horrible beast known as the Communist International."

HE SAYS IN CONCLUSION, "IF IT IS NOT DONE NOW, WE WILL DO IT WHEN THE MESS IS CLEANED UP OVER THERE."



Congressman Rankin . . . a loyal Bible-believing Christian of Methodist persuasion, commands the respect of his colleagues in Congress . . . despite the fact that he never fails to speak his well-defined Christian convictions on controversial matters. He is recognized as one of the most fluent speakers at the Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, that young soldier expresses the views of millions of our boys who are now in the service, as well as those of a vast majority of the people at home. If these Communists are able to stir a race war in America, it will have the most demoralizing effect on this country, and especially on the men in our armed forces, of anything else that could possibly occur.

The disgusting spectacle we saw here in this Capitol on the day before yesterday ought to be enough to arouse the most complacent individual to the dangers that confront this country here at home.

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A Telegram From Louisiana

A FEW days prior to the close of the last session of Congress, Representative Charles E. McKenzie of Louisiana caused the following statement to be printed in the Congressional Record:

Mr. Speaker, the following telegram from the Honorable E. D. Coleman, sheriff of Tensas Parish, La., speaks for itself and emphatically expresses the majority opinions of the people of Louisiana and the Southland:

June 28, 1943.

Hon. Charles E. McKenzie,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.:

Racial situation tense, caused by attitude politicians in high places and inflammatory literature circulated throughout Nation especially Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender papers. We have deep interest in welfare of our white and colored people, but cannot subscribe to teachings of such poisonous periodicals. Attempt to put teachings into practice can only end in disaster to our colored race and bring sorrow and lasting regrets to the friends of the South. Our relations have been cordial, friendly, and mutually advantageous for many years and especially should not be disturbed at time of great national peril. Results could be no different if agitators were in fact Axis agents. We do not want a repetition of the dark days of 1865-78, the beginning of the reconstruction period of Dixie after the Civil War. The shameful and dangerous position in which this Nation stands today with reference to the Congress of Industrial Organizations and its No. 1 traitorous leader, John L. Lewis, is an example of a tragic blunder by our President. We hope he and other misguided persons will change their attitude on the race question before it is too late.

E. D. COLEMAN,
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Seven Crises of History and Prophecy

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A CRISIS is a time when a decision must be made to continue, or change, a given course of action. The decision reveals the means of change. The decision likewise determines the nature of the course after the change is made, putting a definite meaning in the events.

In the study of sacred history and prophecy, one should seek to discover the major crises, and inquire what the causes and results have been in the progress of mankind . . . also what they will be in the future.

This treatise on Dispensational Truth by Dr. Tipsword . . . should be studied with an open Bible. The Reader will do well to examine each passage of Scripture mentioned, being careful to study both the text and context. Because the Defender Family has always manifested an "appetite" for teaching on heavy doctrinal and Scriptural themes, it is believed that Dr. Tipsword's treatise will be welcomed with appreciation.

These crises and changes provide the basis of dispensational truth taught in the Bible.

Five great crises are now history . . . **The Fall of Man, the Flood,** experience at Babel, Passover in Egypt, and the First Advent of Christ or Calvary. The other two are yet prophetic: the Second Advent of Christ, and the Renovation of the Earth by fire.

1. Historic Crises

FALL OF MAN . . . The First Crisis.

The first of the Historic Crises is the Fall of Man in Eden, usually termed the Edenic Crisis (Genesis 3).

God created man innocent, and placed him in Eden. Then, to further the divine purpose He gave him a wife, thus adding to his happiness and usefulness.

This was the dispensation of Innocence (Genesis 1:28-31). The life of innocence was conditioned by the Edenic covenant (Genesis 2:8-17).

They were endowed with the right of choice, and given a simple test requiring obedience to a way of life revealed by the Creator; and were warned of the consequences of disobedience.

In this beautiful and congenial environment, Satan entered the history and experience of man. His influence caused disobedience, the Fall, and the awful consequences that followed.

Man's failure in the test changed the course of events, making the revelation of God's further purpose and a new test necessary.

THE FLOOD . . . The Second Crisis.

The second Historic Crisis was the Flood, following the test of the antediluvian world (Genesis 7:1-24).

The period from the expulsion to the Flood is known as that of Awakened Conscience, or the antediluvian dispensation (Genesis 3:23-24).

Life during this dispensation was conditioned by a new covenant—the Adamic (Genesis 3:14-19).

Man was instructed in the way of forgiveness and salvation. The first mountain peak of prophecy appeared (Genesis 3:15). It was the promise of a sacrifice, a blood atonement, for man's sin.

Appearing also was the first type of Christ (Genesis 3:21). It was an opportune time. They needed better clothing than leaves. And they needed a spiritual covering, suitable to appear again in the presence of God. The killing of animals and providing them coats of skins, was a familiar experience to teach the deeper lesson of the promised shedding of the blood of the Lamb of God to fit them, by faith, to keep God's favor.

Adam and Eve had been directed to "be fruitful and multiply," but it was after the expulsion that children were born, Cain and Abel being the first two mentioned.

Abel represents an obedient line, making blood sacrifices to God. Cain refused to make acceptable sacrifices. Abel was commended and Cain was reprimanded. These facts seem to have been the cause of a quarrel which resulted in the murder of Abel.

So it appears that conscience alone is not sufficient to deter from sin; and that the antediluvian world got a bad start from Cain.

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BABEL . . . The Third Crisis.

The third Historic Crisis is Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). The event took place at the close of the dispensation of Human Government, which began immediately after the Flood (Genesis 8:20).

The life of man during this dispensation was tested by a new covenant which God made with Noah (Genesis 9:1—11:10).

The primary points of this covenant are: (1) It confirmed man's relation to earth (Genesis 8:21); (b) Declared the order of nature (Genesis 8:22); (c) Established human government (Genesis 9:1-6); (d) the earth was affirmed secure against another judgment by water (Genesis 8:21; 9:11).

The cause of the Babel crisis and change of test, is found by studying the characteristics of this dispensation. The new covenant may be thought of as the constitution of the new government of man by man for God, with the assurance of His presence and help, if human beings proved true.

The government was of a race. There were no nations and but one language. It was a great opportunity to perpetuate united human government for God. The cause of their shameful failure and the judgment of God is summarized by statement and suggestion of a single verse of Scripture, as follows:

"Let US build US a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; lest WE be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth," (Genesis 11:4).

God had commanded them to multiply and replenish the earth. Instead, they built a great city and tower, and lived together. They disregarded God, and made a name for themselves. They were wholly selfish, interested only in their own plans and purposes.

That ideal of government culminated in the crisis of the confusion of tongues, separation of the people, and the rise of nations. Thus ended in failure the first effort of self-government; and every effort since that time, with a like motive, has met or will meet its Waterloo.

THE PASSOVER . . . The Fourth Crisis.

The Passover in Egypt was the fourth Historic Crisis (Exodus 12:1-5).

The dispensation which ended with this event is that of Promise, beginning at the call of Abraham, and ending with the exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Law (Genesis 12:1—Exodus 19:8).

The test which conditioned life during this period was the Abrahamic covenant, representing the change (Genesis 12:1-3· 15:18; 17:9-14)

Following the crisis at Babel, the descendants of Noah and his sons became idolators. There seems to have been no witnesses for God left, even Abraham's father being an idolator. So God singled out one family with whom to start again. Abraham was chosen, and proved to be a man of great faith in God; but his experience did not continue in his descendants.

Isaac was a good man, but not equal to his father Abraham; Jacob, Isaac's son, who succeeded to the birthright, was not as good as his father; and Jacob's twelve sons, with the exception of Joseph, degenerated much in character. So swift was the decline that before the end of the dispensation, Abraham's descendants, with few exceptions, were slaves in Egypt.

In the closing words of Genesis, "a coffin in Egypt," is a suggestive phrase in a spiritual sense, of what had happened to Abraham's descendants in Egypt. Satan's trail was in the picture to the end.

The crisis of the Passover pointed back to God's promises, and forward to another dispensation, to complete deliverance in Christ. God's plan did not die with man's failure in Egypt.

CALVARY . . . The Fifth Crisis.

Calvary marked the fifth and most recent of the Historic Crises that have taken place in the changing dispensations of the human race (Matthew 27:33-54).

Delivered from Egypt, Israel immediately went to Mt. Sinai, where they accepted the Law, and the Legal dispensation began (Exodus 19:8-25). Calvary came at the end of this dispensation.

During this period, they were tested by Law, under the Mosaic covenant which consisted of three parts: The Commandments (Exodus 20); Judgments, governing social life (Exodus 21:1-24:2); Ordinances, governing religious life (Exodus 24:12-31:18).

Man had been trying self-government, but now he is to be governed by divine Law. The form of the new government, Theocratic. That is, God would rule through men appointed by Himself. Moses was first named; then followed Joshua, and the Judges.

Life in Israel was conditioned by this method for centuries, until they became dissatisfied, and God granted the request for a king—choosing, in succession, Saul, David, and Solomon. After these had served equal terms of forty years, Solomon died. Then the kingdom was divided and became Israel and Judah.

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These continued as separate kingdoms a long time; but finally became so disobedient, that Israel went into Assyrian captivity in 721 B. C., and Judah into Babylonian captivity 587 B. C.

When it pleased God to send to earth the "Promised Seed," the two branches were so filled with worldliness and hatred that they crucified the "Lord of Glory," and the dispensation ended in the most tragic crisis of the world's history, and yet the most glorious!

It was glorious because His incarnation, death and resurrection was a high point of prophecy, which had been hinted in the course of every preceding dispensation.

2. Prophetic Crises

The Prophetic Crises are changes and events scheduled yet to come to pass in the history of man . . . foretold in Scripture.

THE SECOND ADVENT . . . The Sixth Crisis.

The first of the Prophetic Crises will be the second coming of Christ (Zachariah 14:4; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Peter 3:3-6). the characteristic change and events to begin at the end of the present dispensation.

This dispensation of Grace, building the Church, will end with the crown or kingship of Christ, when the Millenial Kingdom will become manifest, after the Rapture of the Church and the Revelation of Christ with His Bride.

Under the present dispensation, the Church has been and will be to the end, tested by the new covenant which was established on better and unconditional promises (Hebrews 8:8-13).

The Second Advent or Revelation of Christ must be distinguished from the Rapture of the saints. Rapture means caught up with Christ in the air (I Thessalonians 4:14-17), before the Great Tribulation begins.

Revelation or Second Advent is from "apokalupsis," meaning appearing or manifestation, when He will come to earth to end the Great Tribulation and establish the Kingdom, bringing again into view the Davidic Covenant. It secured a Davidic house or family, a throne or royal authority, a kingdom—all to continue forever (2 Samuel 7:4-17; 1 Chronicles 17:4-15).

The events of this crisis, which extend through the Kingdom Age, include Judgment of the Nations, destruction of Antichrist, taking the Beast and False Prophet, Satan's final stand and defeat, Armageddon, Resurrection of the Wicked, and Judgment of the Great White Throne.

RENOVATION OF THE EARTH . . . The Seventh Crisis.

The renovation of the earth by fire, making it new, will be the second Prophetic Crisis . . . mentioned (2 Peter 3:7-13).

That will bring about the final change —the new earth, in the seventh revealed phase. The various phases of earth changes are summarized as follows: (1) Perfect original; (2) Judgment chaotic; (3) Edenic cursed; (4) Antediluvian flooded; (5) Present resultant; (6) Fire renovated; (7) New.

This new earth will be one of seven new things, revealed by Christ through John (Revelation 21:1 - 22:1): (1) New heaven; (2) New earth; (3) New people; (4) New city; (5) New temple; (6) New light; (7) New river of water of life.

The new earth is to be the habitat wherein righteous people will dwell. There will be "no more curse," which was a judgment on the earth and the inhabitants, because of sin.

There will be "no more sea," which is a symbol of disturbances in nature and life (Daniel 7:2). The new earth will have no more disturbances from the heavens above, nor between people, to annoy them.

There will be "no night" there. There will be no need of the sun by day and the moon by night. The variation in light will have passed away. There will be a new city, and God will be the light of it.

God and the Lamb will be the new temple; and from the throne will flow the new river of the water of life. This river will assure fruit-bearing and the sustenance of life.

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"We can all discuss this subject, whether we are isolationists, nationalists, internationalists or interventionists. Many persons referred to me as an isolationist before we entered the war. Mr. President, I was an isolationist. That not only applies to the past, however. I am now an isolationist, and I am a thousand times more isolationist today than I was before we became engaged in this war.

"But that is my privilege. However, I prefer to be referred to as an American Firster or a nationalist. My conception of what that privilege is, probably differs with the conception held by others . . .

"In closing, I say that any plan to guarantee the peace and the freedom for which we are fighting, under the charter for freedom, I shall be for, and every other Member of the Senate will be for, if we are conscientiously of the conviction that it will guarantee peace to the world; because many of us have sons and other close relatives in the armed forces, and we are all interested in bringing them home at the earliest possible time. As the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. Chandler) said the other day in proposing a plan which would end the war sooner, all of us have such an interest, and we all are entitled to the expression of our views relative to world affairs.

"Yes, I am proud to be a nationalist."

Why France Fell

Many have been the reasons given for the tragic collapse of France in May, 1940. One thing stands out clearly: it is that a one-time powerful nation became pitiably weak through moral corruption. In the last census in France thirty out of forty millions, or three-fourths, of the French people registered as having no religion at all.

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This denunciation followed an attack by Pearson against Cordell Hull, in which the Secretary of State was charged with harboring an innate hatred for Soviet Russia. The columnist said that Mr. Hull wanted to see the reds "bled white."

The conflagration ignited a few days earlier when Undersecretary of State Sumner Wells resigned, evidently with Presidential approval. Says a United Press dispatch, 'The Welles' resignation is intertwined with the controversy between Pearson and Hull. Pearson long has been regarded as one of Welles' closest friends and was believed to have had access to inside State Department sources of information which others did not enjoy."

Various interpretations have been placed upon Roosevelt's entrance into the controversy—one section of the press affirming that it indicates a new deal trend toward the "right" due to unmistakable public demand that red, pro-Communist elements be given exit from official Washington.

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Prophetic Significance of the Present Crisis

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THE present crisis, which has set the world in flames, is a direct result of man's rebellion against God's authority and supremacy in the affairs of mankind.

The Psalmist, prophesying of these days, expressed humanity's attitude in the following words: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take council together, against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Satan has ever attempted to interpose his program for a world order against the plans and purposes of God for the race. In our day we see the zenith of the development of Satan's plan against God's order. The Socialism of Karl Marx, and the by-products of National Socialism and Fascism are presented to us as the final evolutionary development and conception of human government. In each and every instance where the program of Socialism or its bastard offspring have governed in the affairs of men, the results have been completely disastrous.

Man, who for nineteen hundred years has been taught the ideals of love, under this new philosophy becomes a monster of hate. Instead of the glorious freedom of democracy and the freedom of sons in Christ Jesus, dictatorship and bloody tyranny have become the order of the day. Democratic government is ridiculed as a weak, slow, horse-and-buggy method of administration in the affairs of state.

RELIGIOUS APOSTASY

Forces of disintegration have been equally effective in religion, though not quite so spectacular as in the realm of economic, social and political revolution. The boring-within process, going on for many years, has now reached the very heart of organized religion. The rebellion against God in the professed Church of Jesus Christ is resulting in a horrible departure from the "faith once for all delivered to the saints."

This apostasy furnishes ample proof that "harlot church" elements have rejected the atonement of Christ, and rebelled against all essential New Testament doctrine. It is appalling how yesterday's Modernism, disguised in the garb of "scholarship," has now degenerated into Humanism, Liberalism, Cultism and Atheism. The most striking thing of all is, that even Fundamentalism and Christian Orthodoxy are rapidly changing into cold Legalism, Super-Sectism, and Loveless Laodiceanism.

JUDGMENT DAY FOR THE SCOFFERS

The Christ rejecting, God denying, unregenerated may rage against God, but Judgment Day for them is rapidly approaching. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Psalms 2:4-9.

Today we see the scoffing followers of human philosophy becoming the victims of their own folly. The scientific progress which has been their boast over the past several years, in which they have altogether put their trust, like a boomerang has now turned upon them and is rapidly destroying the very civilization on which they have staked their all. Having discarded the tenets and precepts of Christianity, having bowed down to the god of Materialism and crucified Christ afresh, there is left to them only a cold rationalism—and the harvest—a reaping of despair, terrorism and sorrow.

Bible students and men of Godly foresight have warned through the years of the debacle now at hand. The proud and haughty Christ-less civilization is breaking to pieces and falling into ruins Our soulless materialism, the monstrous idol of the masses, has turned on its devotees and is crushing and grinding them in the dust. The certain and inevitable retribution and judgment of rebels against the Almighty God is now at hand.

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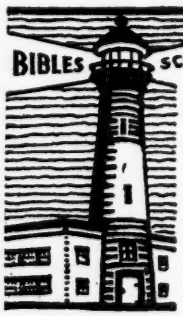

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vitation; if they will but recognize the King, accept instruction to do His will, even yet His righteous indignation may be appeased and "a refuge in Him" be provided.

God's representatives in the world have not yet been withdrawn. Through them He still extends a message of salvation to a rebellious generation. Their mission and ministry will not be ended until they are called from the earth. As it was in the days of Noah, even today God extends the time of grace. Man certainly cannot save himself. This becomes increasingly evident every moment. His misery and ultimate doom is inevitable. ONLY THE SON OF GOD CAN SAVE.

Long ago Satan said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," thus committing high treason against the sovereignty of the Creator. He has ever been in rebellion against God. The present world chaos is the result of Satan's rebellious rule, as well as man's rebellion against God. During the days preceding the flood, the Gospel of Grace was hid from those who chose to follow Satan's devices. So it is today. Men are blinded by the devil because they believe not. Still, here and there, all over the world, as the hours grow darker and darker, we find a few who can be persuaded to "flee from the wrath to come."

These are days when the faithful, to whom has been revealed the prophetic message of warning, should give themselves zealously to the proclamation until Jesus comes. Let us keep our witness clear and ringing, and our lives clean and circumspect, in this world of corruption. Occupy 'till Jesus comes.

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Sampson got a hairbob and lost his strength. A bobbed haired, bobbed skirt, bobbed sleeved generation has lost its moral strength. A bobbed church, with a bobbed Bible, has lost its spiritual strength, leaving God without temporary authority in the world He created.

Modernists, Atheists, Communists and others may reject the Word of God and continue their palaver — of the world evolving from a state of barbarism, but the Lord Jesus warned us concerning them and predicted the present day of unrest, with wars and rumors of wars. famine, pestilence, earthquakes and distress of nations with perplexity. No more accurate picture of the present state of the world could be given. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." Second Timothy 3:1-5.

What an accurate description of present day conditions. Never before was man more pleasure loving. Further comment would become superfluous, in view of God's description of man's enslavement to pleasure.

Witness the mockery of dead formalism in religious services which is so widely accepted by Modernists and Liberals alike. The chanting of robed choirs, the rituals of clerical dignitaries, proper effect in church illumination, music and so forth, do not hinder the Liberal clergy in denying the Lord who bought them.

Some outstanding congregations are removing every reference to the efficacy of the blood of Christ from their hymnals. The doctrine of the Virgin Birth, the Miracles of the Bible, the Power of Prayer, the New Birth and the Deity of Christ, are bolding attacked in many seminaries and pulpits.

BELIEVERS, LOOK UP

From all indications, Satan now knows that his time is short. The end of his reign is fast approaching, and his doom is inevitable. The shadow of the Antichrist now hovers over an unbelieving generation as they cry for a superman, set up dictatorships, plan for world federation and propose—Union Now.

But, the present hour finds the true Church of Jesus Christ on the battle front, with new power to face the foe. Now is the time for consecration and thorough preparation for Christian Service. The world chaos makes it all too evident that the apostate Church and mingled denominationalism have failed. Judgment will soon come upon them.

Babylon and her daughters are rejected. "The harlot will be burned with fire." Revelation 17:16. Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against the true Church. The Saints of the Most High will come forth in the power of the Spirit, "conquering and to conquer." This is no time for easy-going, middle-of-the-road Christianity. The call of the hour is for heroes, yes, if need be, for martyrs, who are willing to LIVE AND DIE FOR THE TRUTH.

Said the Apostle Paul concerning the "times and seasons," preceding the Second Coming of Christ, Christians are not to be in darkness, that "that day should overtake them as a thief." Jesus said in His Olivet discourse, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

It would seem that any fair observer will admit the preponderance of evidence points to the near consummation of prophecy. Christ's soon coming will be the next world event of paramount importance. The armies of the earth are divided into two great camps. The world is looking on with increased anxiety and despair, but Christians may now "lift up" their heads and rejoice, for the day of their redemption is approaching.

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The Cost Of The Cross

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THE holiest impulses ever to actuate a soul, caused Jesus Christ to journey from Heaven to earth to save the lost . . . to give sight to the blind, to bind up the broken-hearted and to set at liberty them that are bound in the chains of sin. A part of that interesting and important record is found in Luke 4:16-21.

HIGH COST OF SALVATION

To accomplish this greatest of all missions—the most colossal cost of all undertakings, the Lord Jesus Christ was subjected to the shameful contempt of wicked men, and abused beyond any words to describe. Skeptical minds have been heard to say, "Your salvation is too cheap." Persons who speak thus, only show how woefully ignorant they are of the intensity of suffering of the Son of God, as He paid "in his own body on the tree" the price of human redemption.

Dr. South has beautifully said: "His suffering fell not on Him like a dew or mist which only dampens the surface of the ground, but like a pouring, soaking rain which descends into the very bowels of it. Christ suffered only the exquisiteness and heights of pain, without any of those mitigations which God is pleased to temper and allay them with, as it befalls other men."

What are some of the "exquisiteness and heights of pain" which He endured to save sinners?

His Humiliations.

(1) Made of a woman. Galatians 4:4.

(2) Made himself of no reputation. Philippians 2:7.

(3) Likeness of sinful flesh. Romans 8:3.

(4) Became obedient unto death of the Cross. Philippians 2:8.

(5) Was rich but became poor. II Corinthians 8:9.

(6) Was above the angels but became lower. Hebrews 2:9.

(7) Worked as a carpenter. Mark 6:3.

(8) Was tempted by Satan. Matthew 8:20.

(9) Spent forty days with wild beasts in the wilderness. Mark 1:13.

(10) Had nowhere to lay his head. Matthew 8:20.

(11) Rode upon an ass. Zechariah 9:9.

(12) A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Isaiah 53:3, Luke 19:41.

(13) Came not be ministered unto but to minister. Matthew 20:28.

(14) Made his grave with the wicked. Isaiah 53:9.

But His hurtful humiliations were not an end of the cost of the Cross.

His Rejections.

He was rejected by the cities where He ministered. He was relegated to a stall and manger at the time of His birth. The places where He was rejected are as follows:

Bethlehem. Luke 2:7.

Nazareth. John 4:41, Luke 4:16-17.

Jerusalem. John 5:18, 7:1, 10:31, 8:59.

Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. Matthew 11:21-24.

His own. John 1:11.

The Cross cost is evidenced also by the awful treatment He received.

His Insults.

The people hated, opposed, insulted, and betrayed the Son of God. John 15:18-25.

(1) Termed "ignorant." Luke 22:27. John 7:15.

(2) Called sinner. John 9:24.

(3) Called blasphemer. John 10:33.

(4) Called a demoniac and a lunatic. John 7:20 . . . 8:48, 10:20.

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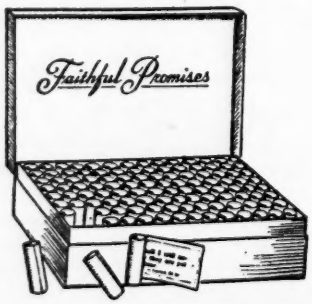

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(5) Friend of publicans and sinners. Matthew 11:19.

(6) Called a sorcerer. Matthew 9:24.

(7) Lied about. John 9:16.

(8) Called a liar. John 8:13.

(9) Derided His preaching. Luke 16:14.

(10) Sinners contradicted Him. Mark 9:19, Hebrews 12:3.

(11) Jesus came in the Father's name and was rejected. John 1:10.

The Antichrist, who is scheduled to come in his own name, will be welcomed. John 5:43.

His Sufferings.

He suffered shame, dishonor, and death. "For he made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." II Corinthians 5:21. Psalms 22 and 66:19 were fulfilled in His sufferings.

(1) It was prophesied He would be smitten. Micah 5:1.

(2) Betrayed by a kiss from His own disciple. Matthew 26:45-50.

(3) Sold for $11.59 in silver. Matthew 26:15.

(4) Seized as a thief and beaten witn staves. Luke 22:52.

(5) Accused of sedition. Luke 23:7.

(6) Was bound. John 18:12.

(7) Was scourged. John 19:1.

(8) Was spit upon, buffeted and mocked by the Jews. Matthew 26:67.

(9) Was made to bear His Cross. John 19:17.

(10) Was given gall and vinegar. John 19:29, Psalm 69:21.

(11) Was crucified between two thieves. Matthew 27.

(12) While He died, the chief priests, scribes, and soldiers reviled, railed, mocked and derided Him. Matthew 27: 39-49.

Little wonder then, that Paul should have found nothing in himself deserving of praise and commendation. Considering the high cost of salvation, the stupendous price that Jesus Christ paid, we can understand the meaning of the Apostle's words: "GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

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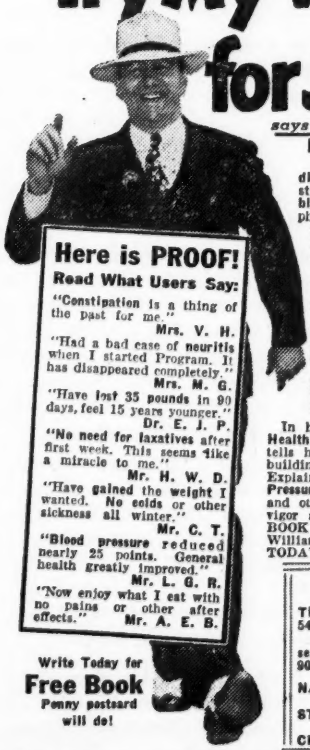

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Dr. Sam Swain, Founder and National Director of the Crusade, commutes between Akron and Nashville, Tennessee. In Nashville, he maintains the Dixie Gospel Tabernacle, a spacious structure of over 3,000 seating capacity, located in a good section of the city, situated back from the street in the center of a large lawn. On this lawn, the Crusade has established special canteen service for soldier boys. Dr. Swain states the objective of the organization as follows: "This giant place of worship is becoming **A HOME AWAY FROM HOME** for thousands of soldiers." He says:

"If you could have been with me on my last visit to Nashville, you would have seen boys sleeping in the streets, sitting on curbstones, sleeping in hotel lobbies, spending nights on park benches, nearby highways, etc. Many of these precious young men, come from Christian homes. My heart ached for them, as I studied existing conditions, while they are in the city on overnight leave from camps, furloughs, or otherwise off duty. I resolved then and there, that our Crusade would help alleviate these conditions.

"Dixie Tabernacle is situated on a high elevation, on one of the main streets, in the city of Nashville. Around the building are great vacant spaces, including a large lawn, as well as areas used by worshippers for parking their automobiles. Here, on these beautiful premises, we have set up canteen service, in a definitely spiritual atmosphere.

"Complete plans have been mapped for arranging housing quarters where Christian boys may sleep nights, and also enjoy evangelistic services. During the campaign now in progress at the Tabernacle, conducted by the Humberd Evangelistic Party, hundreds have knelt at the altar, signifying their acceptance of Jesus Christ. I am finding that the men in uniform are thinking mighty serious these days. They understand what is staring them in the face, as they move forward in the service of our Country and the Flag which we all love so dearly."

Old Orchard Celebrates Seventieth Anniversary

"WHEN I visit Old Orchard Beach, I feel that I am on holy ground," said Dr. Gerald B. Winrod one evening last July, while addressing an audience at New England's famous religious meeting place.

He continued: "No other conference ground or camp meeting is more famous and rich in tradition and spiritual romance. I have been coming here many years, but no season has been more pleasant and fruitful than this one—the summer of 1943."

It was appropriate that such remarks should be uttered publicly at Old Orchard during the season just closed . . . for the reason that New England Christians have this year celebrated the Seventieth Anniversary of the Conference organization.

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Seventy years ago . . . to be exact, during the spring of 1873 . . . found three old-fashioned Methodist Preachers seeking a suitable location, for a Camp Grounds in the State of Maine. Their names were Israel Luce, Daniel B. Randall and Charles Munger.

As the visitor leaves the street to enter the Grounds through a large, imposing arch that seems to beckon guests toward the commodious open-air amphitheater, his attention is drawn to a carefully sheltered stone—a large rock, quarried from New England soil. On this boulder is a bronze plaque, bearing the names of the three stalwarts who chose the spot, and after diligent labor, converted it into a place of worship — a citadel for the Cause of Christ in their part of the Country.

The archives of the Maine Legislature contain records showing that a religious corporation was formed the following year . . . in 1874, known as "The Old Orchard Beach Camp Meeting Association." Since that time, great Gospel services have been held there every year, without interruption.

The principal meeting places on the Grounds are . . . first, the open-air amphitheater, situated in the center of a large Grove of tall, sleek pines, with seats for approximately 3,000 persons, canopied by the open heavens . . . and second, a large Tabernacle consisting of a main floor and two balconies.

Here, year after year, Christian believers assemble from all parts of New England and other sections of the Country for conventions, conferences, lectures, missionary crusades, evangelistic campaigns . . . to hear their favorite speakers discuss subjects of special interest to followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was in this Grove that Frances E. Willard started the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

It was in this Grove that Dr. A. B. Simpson founded the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

General Neal Dow and Francis Murphy were heard on these Grounds, in the early days of the Prohibition crusade. Other national figures who found it advantageous to use Old Orchard as a sounding-board for gaining the attention of New Englanders, include James G. Blaine, Tom Reed, William McKinley and James A. Garfield. The roster of outstanding pulpiteers who have preached in this famous Grove, include such names as A. J. Gordon, F. W. Farr, Paul Rader, Charles A. Blanchard, Jonathan Goforth, H. M. Shuman, Mrs. E. M. Whittemore and many others.

Various groups of religious societies have occupied the Grounds during the past 70 years . . . the National Holiness Association, the Salvation Army, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Advent Christian Conference, Florida Bible Institute, and numerous other organizations.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod returned to Old Orchard for the 1943 season, under the auspices of the Florida Bible Institute, of which Dr. William T.

Watson is the founder and president. This year, as in the past, the "Biddeford Daily Journal," of nearby Biddeford, Maine, published comprehensive reports on all Conference activities.

Because of the Gospel content of these articles, and for the further reason that they will serve to draw the Old Orchard Conference Grounds and members of the great Defender Family closer together, conveying to the latter some of the rich spiritual atmosphere of the meetings, three complete reports are being reproduced below—exactly as they appeared in the Biddeford newspaper.

(Biddeford Daily Journal . . . Thursday, July 22, 1943.)

Blackout No Hindrance To Religious Meet

Dr. Winrod Makes First Appearance

The blackout last night, which started while Dr. Gerald B. Winrod was speaking, in no way hindered the service at the famous Old Orchard Conference Grounds. The large crowd sat in the darkness while the speaker completed his message on "The Geology of the Church."

Fervent amens and occasional outbursts of laughter and applause punctuated his remarks. If the speaker could not see the large audience before him, he could be assured of the presence of the people by their whole hearted response to the lines of thought presented. When the lights were extinguished he continued speaking as if nothing had happened.

The meeting marked Dr. Winrod's first appearance at Old Orchard Beach this season, under the auspices of the Florida Bible Institute. With him this this year is Mrs. Winrod and two of their children. Dr. W. T. Watson, president of the school, will speak this evening on the subject "One World." In announcing the subject, Dr. Watson said, "I offer no apologies to Wendell Willkie."

Dr. Winrod said last night, "Geology is that department of science that studies and classifies knowledge regarding rock formations and conditions in the earth's crust. The Church of Jesus Christ, the most powerful and creative institution the world has ever known, is builded upon a rock — namely the person of Jesus Christ, who said, 'Upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'

"Many profound spiritual truths are taught in Scripture by the use of symbols. The word 'rock' is associated throughout the Bible with deity. It never refers to a man but always to God. Christ is thus identified as the rock upon which the church is built," Dr. Winrod said.

(Biddeford Daily Journal . . . Monday, July 26, 1943.)

Dr. W. T. Watson To Speak At Campground

Large Crowd At Sunday Meeting

The largest assemblage of the season this year, was present last night at the historic Old Orchard Conference Grounds to hear Dr. Gerald B. Winrod in the delivery of an address, on the subject of "Life After Death." The meetings, which will continue through Thursday, are being sponsored under the auspices of the Florida Bible Institute.

Dr. William T. Watson, president of the institution, will speak tonight at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be, "Man's Greatest Possession."

Seven meetings were conducted by the speakers yesterday, three in Portland and four at Old Orchard. A broadcast was made through air channel WCSH from Portland during the afternoon, with Dr. Winrod speaking on a prophetical theme.

"Man is more than breathing clay," said Dr. Winrod last night. "There is something in him that the grave digger will never bury. The human personality is destined to everlasting existence.

"In all seriousness, I want to introduce you to yourself. What do you mean when you use the word 'I.' Who is this 'I' concerning whom you speak so often? From whence did it come? What is it doing in this span of life? Where is it going? Of what kind of substance is it made? Where do we go from here!

"There is one heart beat between you and the disembodied state. The most important question to be answered is 'Where will you—the real you, the surviving personality, spend eternity.' A million years from tonight, you will be alive and conscious, having adjustment to a different kind of environment than known on this earth.

"The body is only a garment woven from 90 cents worth of chemical elements. You may have a million dollars —but you are only worth 90 cents! A problem in mathematics is this: How can a 90 cent man eat a four dollar dinner?"

With this background, the speaker, who has been described as a Christian philosopher, described the state of the "I," after the dissolution of the physical body. He based his statements upon Scripture, quoting the original Hebrew and Greek texts in which the Old and New Testaments were written.

Dr. Winrod assured his hearers that persons "whose souls had become interwoven with the eternal spirit of Christ will enjoy bliss in the eternal hereafter and joy unspeakable." He pictured their future state as being like that of Jesus Christ after the resurrection.

"Christ is the great pattern, or example," he said. "The deathless, sinless, glorified body that the Master brought from the tomb will, in the world to come, be duplicated in His followers."

The "Prophetic School of the Air" broadcasts will continue each day at 1:15 from Portland. Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod delivered the morning sermon at Old Orchard yesterday and will be heard

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again in Portland next Wednesday evening. Dr. Winrod will be heard at Old Orchard Wednesday night on "The Prophetic Destiny of the United States." Dr. Watson will give the closing message of the Conference Thursday night.

(Biddeford Daily Journal . . . Wednesday, July 28, 1943.)

Morale Rally At Campground This Evening

Dr. G. B. Winrod To Be Speaker

An unique service has been announced for the Old Orchard Conference Grounds tonight, with Dr. Gerald B. Winrod as the chief speaker. His subject will be, "The Prophetic Destiny of the United States."

Dr. W. T. Watson, president of the Florida Bible Institute—the organization under whose auspices Dr. Winrod's presence is being sponsored, describes the meeting scheduled for this evening as a "patriotic, deeply religious, morale-building assemblage, during which a master in the interpretation of Bible prophecy will ferret out the position of our beloved America, in the divine scheme of things.

In his pulpit announcements last night, Dr. Winrod insisted that the prophetical Scriptures contain "a literal message for the generation in which we live." He promised to tell where the United States is described in the Bible.

Speaking about the Old Orchard Conference enterprise last night, the well known Kansan said: "When I visit Old Orchard Beach, I feel that I am on holy ground. This is one of the oldest, most famous religious meeting places on the North American continent. Here in this beautiful grove of New England pines, and in the tabernacle where we are this night assembled, great moral and spiritual currents have flowed forth to bless and influence along righteous lines, multitudes of people. No other conference ground or camp meeting is more famous

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod

On Steps Of Old Orchard Tabernacle

and rich in tradition and spiritual romance. I have been coming here many years, but no season has been more pleasant and fruitful than this one—the summer of 1943."

Dr. Watson has publicly explained that the school of which he is head, recently passed a "milestone of progress," by acquiring a new property at St. Petersburg, Fla. This fall the institution will enter its 12th year, with a large enrollment of students, including some from New England.

In order to keep his next engagement at Akron, Ohio, Dr. Winrod and family will conclude their labors in New England for the present summer with the service tonight. While Dr. Winrod is addressing the Old Orchard meeting Mrs. Winrod will be speaking in Portland. The closing radio broadcast of the conference was made through station WCSH this afternoon. Dr. Watson will deliver the final message of the assembly tomorrow night.

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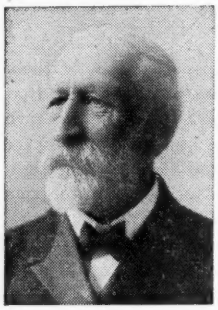
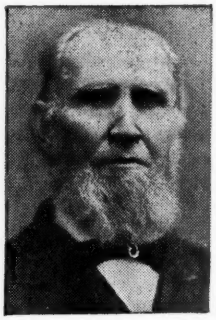
LUCE, RANDALL AND MUNGER

Turning to the official files of the Conference Executive Board, one finds the following biographical statements of the Founders—three good and great men of far-reaching vision and depth of originality:



REV ISRAEL LUCE

"Rev. Israel Luce, President of the Association (all but two years) from its organization until his decease in 1908, was born in Knox, New York. He was licensed to preach at the age of seventeen, and was admitted to the Troy, New York M. E. Conference in 1857. He held several pastorates in New York State and in Vermont where he was made Presiding Elder. Bishop Simpson transferred him to the Maine Conference at Chestnut Street in Portland. After three years, he was made Presiding Elder of the Portland District. Later, he held pastorates in Westbrook, Lewiston, Gardiner, South Berwick, and returned as Assistant Pastor at Chestnut Street, Portland, and then once more to South Berwick. Having reached retirement age, he came to Old Orchard where he built a house for his family. For a few years, he served as Field Secretary of the Christian Civic League. Death overtook him at the home of his son, Fred I. Luce, in Old Orchard, December 28, 1908. His funeral at the Methodist Church, which he helped to build, was attended by 31 ministers of the Maine Conference."



REV. DANIEL B. RANDALL

"Rev. Daniel B. Randall was the grandson of Rev. Benjamin Randall, the Founder of the Free Baptists. He was a fervent preacher of righteousness and filled many important pulpits in the Maine Conferences. Three years after locating the Camp Meeting grounds here he built a cottage within the area of the grounds and this became the summer home of his family. He was untiring in his labors for souls and his presence at the annual Methodist Camp Meetings were one of the highlights of these gatherings. His closing years were spent here, and he passed away in 1899 at the ripe old age of 98. His nearest living relative is Miss L. M. Randall of La Verne, California."

"Rev. Charles Munger, the third name on the historic stone, was also a worthy Methodist minister. He labored in the Maine M. E. Conference for many years and was noted for his zeal and devotion to the Lord's work. None of his relatives are living."

The religious psychology of New England was anything but friendly to the Gospel in the days of Luce, Randall and Munger. Indeed, the seat of Unitarian and ultra-Liberal thought—always arch-enemies of Fundamental, Evengelical Christianity, had its earliest roots in the

schools and pulpits of the part of the Nation in which they toiled. But, being men of dauntless courage and extraordinary intelligence, they faced opposition in a clear, calm manner . . . and plowed furrows deep and straight.

New England believers will ever bless the names, and revere the memories, of these faithful soldiers of the Cross. Heaven will be richer, in terms of souls won to Christ by the preaching of the Gospel, because of the loyal service rendered by these men and their successors, in the historic pine Grove, situated where the waves of the Atlantic wash the beaches at beautiful Old Orchard.

—Staff Writer.

Opponents Of Liquor Called Nazis

WHO owns the breweries? Who dominates the liquor business in the United States? What are the names of the individuals or families deep behind the scenes, that control the stock and thereby regulate the manufacture and distribution of intoxicating beverages?

The average American will be shocked when he learns the names of the financial barons responsible for the unrestrained flow of liquor in our Country. The despicable methods used by those engaged in the present attack upon National Morality, is sufficient to identify them as aliens to truth, decency and Christianity.

Walter Winchell, in a broadcast some months ago, disclosed the propaganda line that wet wizards of finance were planning to pursue . . . namely, to identify defenders of Sobriety as puppets of Hitler. **THEY PURPOSE TO CREATE A NATION-WIDE IMPRESSION THAT DRY CRUSADERS, ARE EXPONENTS OF HITLERISM.**

Soon after Winchell made the opening thrust, thereby softening public opinion for the wets, a barrage of literature was released from Washington, under the heading, **"HITLER IS IN FAVOR."**

The Country is being flooded with propaganda, challenging the patriotism of individual Christians and Church denominations, engaged in espousing the principles of Sobriety. This attack serves a dual purpose. It promotes wet financial interests which place money above health, morals and national welfare . . . and at the same time weakens Christ's Cause by a subtle and ingenious assault unlike any form of opposition previously known.

The pamphlet entitled "Hitler Is In Favor," issued by Repeal Associates, Otis Building, Washington, D. C., is leveled primarily at the Methodist denomination. "Is the Nazi propaganda machine, often subtle, using the dry movement in the United States in an effort to stir up again the disunity we had over Prohibition?" is the question propounded for Repeal Associates.

Thereupon, it plunges into a tirade against the "Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church"—an organization which also maintains offices at the Nation's Capital. It charges Methodists with circulating literature bearing the "Goebbel's propagandistic touch," because they are distributing a brochure by Dr. R. Hercod, published prior to the war. Dr. Hercod resides in Lausanne, Switzerland and occupies the office of General Secretary of the International Bureau against Alcoholism.

The simple fact of Dr. Hercod's identity as a writer on evils associated with the manufacture and sale of the alcoholic narcotic, is expanded in such a way as to cause the wet interests to publish the following scare headline across the top of two full pages in their pamphlet: **"ARE GERMANS USING PROHIBITION TO SPLIT U. S.?"**

Another section of the pamphlet "Hitler Is In Favor," is devoted to an article from the pen of David Stern, Editor of the Philadelphia Daily Record. It says in part: "Hitler hasn't missed many tricks on the propaganda front. He and Goebbels are particularly fond of the 'wedge-driving' technique:. Setting up issues to split the internal unity of their enemies. If there is anti-British feeling in India, anti-American feeling in Puerto Rico, racial conflict in Harlem, the Germans are sure to take advantage of it. So it's not surprising the Germans didn't overlook the Prohibition issue in this country, a controversy that has divided Americans as sharply as almost any issue since slavery.

"Hitler would like very much to see Americans splitting into hostile groups over Prohibition, wasting the time of Congress and Legislatures in Wet vs. Dry rows, confusing our united war effort.

"Proof of Hitler's interest in Prohibition is found in a booklet written by Dr. R. Hercod, of Lausanne, Switzerland, general secretary of the International Bureau Against Alcoholism, as explained in an article printed in this issue.

"Trying to put Prohibition over on the American people while millions of young men of voting age are in the armed services would be playing Hitler's propaganda game. We are confident that only a few will fall for it."

This attack, though unfair, unreasonable and exasperating to followers of Christ, will fail. Being based upon falsehood, it will fall by its own weight. The "lie method" never produces lasting results for the propagandist. It is like following a mirage on the desert. The victim is lured in a given direction, but eventually discovers that seeming tangible objectives vanish into thin air, as they are approached. The wet barons of finance will fail in this attempt to impugn the motives and challenge the patriotism of Christian defenders of National Sobriety.

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This book contains 12 chapters, each one an exposition of the corresponding chapter in Daniel. The first six are History, the last six are Prophecy. Its course extends from the first year of the Babylonian Captivity, to the Second Coming of Christ.

JOEL'S PROPHECY. By Ira R. Foulk. Western Voice Publishers. Pages 24. Price 25 cents.

THE Prophecy of Joel is couched in three short chapters, dealing with judgments of God upon Israel because of national sin. The prophet enlarges upon the mercy of God, begging the people to rend their hearts, rather than their garments. Yet he outlines the awful calamities to befall them, because of their loss of sensitiveness to the fact of sin. Joel proceeds to describe the judgments.

The Author of this exposition has prepared a verse by verse analysis of Joel's prophecy. The "locusts" are believed to be the same as those described in Revelation 9, superhuman creatures out of the pit. They come as a judgment of God, against which men have no protection. They torment for five months with awful suffering, not to be relieved even by death. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it."

Mr. Foulk says in the Introduction: "It is not the aim of this writing to be exhaustive. We simply seek to strip the book of the mystery that has made it one of neglect, and set before the prophetic student a clear revelation of this thrilling, inspiring prophetic message. This can be done by placing the key that unlocks it, in the hands of the reader. In exposing the true character of the locust, giving the prophecy more than minor consideration, we believe others will receive the joy and blessing that attends the unfolding of Scriptural truth."

MESSAGES OF A STILL, SMALL VOICE. By Charles E. Gee. Published by the Author. Pages 74. Price 35 cents.

THE messages contained in this book are meant for spiritually-minded followers of the Master — who care to learn more of Him and be directed by His Spirit. We have before us a series of meditations for devotional reading. The first is a discussion of "The Only Wise God, our Saviour," in which the relationship of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, is argued. Chapter Two tells of "The Covenant Son," and Chapter Three discusses "His Mission on Earth."

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REVEALED KNOWLEDGE. By Dr. C. H. Heaton. The Higley Press. Pages 159. Price $1.00.

TEXTBOOKS in Theology are some times dull and dry, but in this volume Dr. Heaton has combined profound Scriptural teaching with a fascinating style that holds attention, to the last word of the eight chapters.

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WHAT WILL BECOME OF THIS EARTH? By Rev. G. W. Hill. Published by the Author. Pages 80. Price 50 cents.

MR. HILL applies Scriptural knowledge and scholarship in developing his thesis. He has delved into Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek languages, using every available version of the Bible to search out hidden meanings of words and pass-

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Meeting At New Castle

FOUR members of the Winrod Family participated in the Summer Preaching Tour just concluded . . . Dr. and Mrs. Winrod, their son Gordon, and daughter Geraldine. Three days were devoted to meetings in the North Side Community Church at New Castle, Pennsylvania. Rev. J. M. Cottrell is the Pastor. A "Prophetic School of the Air" was conducted, during the Conference, with a total of six addresses being delivered through station WKST.

The above snapshot, taken on the lawn of the New Castle Church, shows Mr. Cottrell, Gordon and Dr. Winrod.

Norwood Church At Baltimore

DURING the Institute of Spiritual Teaching conducted at Baltimore in July, it was Dr. and Mrs. Winrod's pleasure to meet personally, Rev. Mable E. Holston and her splendid husband. These people, talented and consecrated servants of the Master, are giving a faithful witness, leading souls to Christ, holding high the banner of the Cross, in an outlying section of Baltimore where the Gospel message is greatly needed. Their inter-denominational work is known as the Norwood Church.

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ages pertaining to the grave and life beyond the tomb.

In thirteen chapters the location of Sheol, Paradise, the Lake of Fire are discussed, together with the persons destined to reach these places. Death and hades will finally be cast into the Lake of Fire, and all evil with them, while the righteous—those who are ransomed by the blood of Christ, will populate the New Heaven and New Earth. The Author believes this will be a new creation, not merely a renewed or renovated earth.

THE HARMONY OF SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE. By Dr. C. Theodore Schwarze. Zondervan Publishing House. Pages 155. Price $1.25.

THE Author, Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering, New York University, devoted ten years research to the subject of Science and Scripture. His studies included examination of original Hebrew and Greek texts.

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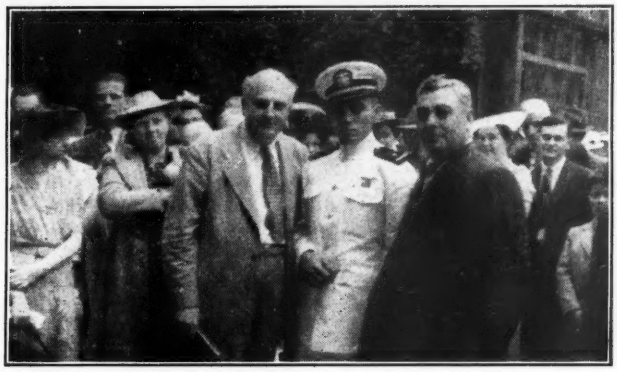

Two conferences were held in New England, during the summer just closed, under the auspices of the Florida Bible Institute—one at Old Orchard, Maine (described elsewhere in this Defender), the other at Hephzibah Church, Portland . . . Rev. James R. Hicks, Pastor. The above picture, taken at the close of a Sunday morning service, shows Dr. Winrod, a Naval Officer who attended the meetings, Mr. Hicks and a group of worshippers.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTS

Sept. 19, 1943
The Sin of Moses and Aaron
Numbers 20

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be ye angry and sin not." Eph. 4:26.

Arriving at the border of Canaan, Moses sent twelve men to spy out the land. Returning to Kadesh after forty days, ten reported unfavorably . . . while only Joshua and Caleb insisted on entering the land at once and taking it with the help of God. The people listened to the ten, and were doomed, as a result of unbelief, to spend a year in the wilderness for every day the spies were in Canaan, until all the rebellious ones over the age of twenty would die.

The word Joshua (Josh-you-ah) means. "Jehovah is salvation." The word Caleb (Keh-leb) possesses three meanings, "yelp," "attack," and "dog." Joshua favored putting trust in God and proceeding at once to take the land. Caleb, God's faithful "watchdog," favored immediate attack. Here we find two great principles represented: A **positive** minority and a **negative** majority. Let those who insist that the voice of the people is the voice of God, ponder well this circumstance.

The voice of the people is the voice of God, WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE MOTIVATED BY RIGHTEOUS IMPULSES. Leaders do not produce people . . . on the contrary, people produce leaders. Bad people produce bad leaders. Good people produce good leaders. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The camp of Israel lacked vision.

The ten said, "we are grasshoppers." The two said, "we are men." Caleb stilled the public roar, quieted the people, and made himself heard above the din: "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Forty days were required to search, or spy, the land. Rejection of the Joshua-Caleb plea, resulted in forty years of desert wandering.

1. Lack of Water and lack of Faith All along the way, the people displayed unbelief and ingratitude. Taking inventory of God's goodness, one wonders what sort of beings these could be who had remembrance of the wonders in Egypt, the Passover, the Crossing of the Sea, the Guiding Pillar of Cloud and Fire, the Heavenly Manna, the Gushing Water, and the Revelation at Sinai — yet could wish themselves back in the slavery of Egypt because no water was evident at the moment, near the place of encampment.

But, listen Christian! do not be too critical of these people. For Paul says. "Now these were our examples, to the intent that WE should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." The temptations before which ancient believers fell "are written (recorded) for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Cor. 10:1-12. If we worry and complain, longing for the things of the world, how much farther are we advanced on the pathway of spiritual attainment? Unbelief and distrust are insults to the Heavenly Father.

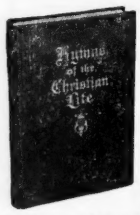
2. Seeking the Source of Strength. Moses and Aaron fled from the angry shouting assembly. They fled to the precincts of the sanctuary, both as an asylum from the fury of the highly excited rabble, and to implore divine guidance in a crisis. Heart-sick and weary, they fell before the Mercy Seat, and poured out their troubles. "The glory of the Lord appeared unto them. And the Lord spake unto Moses." God responds to the cry of His children. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. They were told to, "Take the rod" . . . that a miracle would be performed.

3. Moses Makes a Mistake. Moses' heart was sore, his soul irked. Forty years of desert wandering and rebelliousness on the part of a stiff-necked multitude, had taken their toll of his spirit. The instructions were: "Take thy rod, and SPEAK ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water." Moses and Aaron assembled the people, perhaps three million, before the rock. Striking two furious blows, Moses shouted (not to the rock, as instructed, but to the people), "Hear now, ye rebels; must WE fetch you water out of this rock?" An abundant stream burst forth, yet Moses was soon to realize, that not even an anointed leader may escape retribution for transgression.

4. Three Steps to Failure. A casual reading of this passage does not seem to indicate the magnitude of Moses' sin. But careful analysis shows that he projected himself far beyond the area circumscribed—and thus violated God's plan for the occasion. He displayed an ugly spirit of pride and arrogance, by calling the people, "Ye rebels," thereby pulling the event down to the level of human ranting, instead of operating on the high, miraculous level ordained by divine leadership. Then, going further, he took to himself the glory of the miracle by the question, "Must WE fetch you water out of this rock?" And finally, he disobeyed, by striking the rock, whereas God had told him to merely **speak** to it.

Herein lies a lesson for every child of God. No one is secure from the fiery darts of temptation, and none should rely upon years of Christian living as a shield. Human impulses must be kept in subjection to spiritual power.

The Golden Text for today admonishes. "Be ye angry and sin not." This is capable of two interpretations . . . one should neither sin nor be angry, or, one can be angry without sinning. There is



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such a thing as righteous indignation and this was displayed by Jesus on a number of occasions. Anger against a person is sinful, but anger against sin is a duty.

The term "angry" in the text, comes from the Greek "orge" and may also be rendered "abhorrence." In other words, abhor evil, and sin not!

5. Death of Aaron. Although Aaron seems to have said nothing at Meribah, yet the fact that he supported Moses, placed him under the same condemnation. Very soon he died on Mount Hor and the priestly office fell to his oldest son, Eleazar.

Sept. 26, 1943
Values From Israel's History
Deut. 1-3, 11

GOLDEN TEXT: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

The theme of the lessons for the third Quarter has been "God in the Making of a Nation." During this time, we have traced the providential program in fulfilling the covenant with Abraham to make his seed great. Abrahamic promises were fulfilled in Christ, and consequent blessings were passed on to the Christians of this age.

We have watched the Israelitish people led out of Egypt by a great leader, and as babes nurtured in the wilderness, until they reached maturity to possess the land of promise. All this has been an interesting study in history, but the underlying thought to keep in mind is the fact that, regardless of national blunders, it was basic in their philosophy to seek divine guidance and protection. This was the one hopeful, redeeming element in their existence. It carried them through many hard places. America should strive at all times to keep herself in the same position.

We see Moses fulfilling his destiny without complaint or remonstrance. Although he knew it would be impossible for him to enter and claim his part in the land of promise, he remained faithful to the end, and made a final journey up the mountain to view the territory from the top of Pisgah. Concerning him, it is said: "And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

Before leading the people to the gates of Canaan, Moses gathered them around him for a farewell address. Recounting the wilderness experiences and painting a word picture of the future, he outlined two courses—one path which would make them a blessing, the other a curse. They chose the latter.

1. Obedience an Obligation. The nation was bidden to "hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." Love from the depths of the heart, obligates a person to obey the commands of the one who receives the affection. Love never faileth. Love makes for harmony, unity and peace, in all human relationships.

Love for God is the most creative force known to humanity . . . because loving God, places one in the channel of all that is good, beautiful and truthful. Contact with God is the only foundation for building character, either in the lives of individuals or nations. Nations, like Soviet Russia, who defy God, sacrifice all hope of material and spiritual blessings from the Infinite.

Obedience and love are intimately related. Jesus says, "If a man love me he will keep my words." "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" The real test of love lies in obedience.

Material prosperity was promised to Israel, predicated upon the fact of reverence and regard for God. There would be rain for their crops and pastures. There would be abundance of food and plenty to wear. There would be no anxiety for the morrow, no fear of enemies without, for "The Lord shall establish thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord." But these blessings were conditioned upon obedience. Disobedience invites destruction.

The twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy lists specific blessings and curses for nations, depending upon their acceptance or rejection of divine precepts. History attests that the curses were carried out to the letter, among the Israelitish people, as the nation apostasized from God and rejected His Son. This bears witness to the truth of the Golden Text, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

2. Learn and Love the Law. Children of God are repeatedly admonished to store the Word of God in their hearts. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." In the warnings and exhortations, given to make Israel a good nation, in ancient times, we find these words: "Lay up these my words in your heart and your soul, and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house. That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, as the days of heaven upon the earth."

A nation is made up of individuals, and its destiny determined by the conduct of the citizens. Every individual contributes something to the country of which he is part, no matter how small he may feel himself to be. "No one liveth to himself." Every life touches others for good or ill. Christian homes comprise the greatest influence for strength, stability and righteousness known to any nation.

3. Blessings Follow Faithfulness. "IF ye shall diligently keep all these commandments . . . then will the Lord." "IF ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." "IF ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." "IF a man abide not in me, he

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is cast forth as a branch, and is withered."

Great blessings were promised to Israel which they never realized, because of unfaithfulness. The Christian is promised far richer possessions — the "unsearchable riches of Christ, the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Oct. 3, 1943
Jesus and the Ten Commandments
Matt. 5:17-20; 19:16-22; John 5:39, 40

GOLDEN TEXT: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matt. 5:17.

During the last Quarter of 1943, the Sunday School lessons will take up the study of the Ten Commandments, one by one. Here will be found the true meaning of the Moral Code, explained and intensified by the interpretation of the Lord Jesus Christ. A number of things are to be considered relative to His attitude toward the Law as a whole.

1. It was a Code to be kept. The Sermon on the Mount is doubtless the greatest discourse on the way of life, to be found in any language or literature. Jesus probes the depths of the human heart, and lays His finger on the very source of its putrescence. He was concerned that the Law be written on the tablets of the soul.

He would have none think the Law was of no value: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Heaven and earth might pass away, but not the slightest word of the Law or the prophets would pass into the discard, until Jesus should fulfill them. Every word, every precept and promise of the Old Testament, is bound up in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the pivot upon which hangs the whole purpose of God for humankind. None had better right to say, "It hath been said by them of old time — but I say unto you."

At the death of Jesus, the Veil of the Temple was torn from top to bottom, signifying that the Law was made void. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Col. 2:14. Yet he took the Moral Code over into the New Law and strengthened it, by applying the teaching to the source (the human heart) of evil, rather than the external result.

The Christian keeps the Law, because of love, and not through fear of judgment. It hinges upon faith and love, not upon works through which none can be justified.

2. The letter of the Law falls short. The following excuse is often heard by personal workers: "I am a moral man, and live a better life than many Church members." The falsity of such an excuse, appears in the experience of the rich young ruler. "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

Here is the type of man, considered an asset in any community. He was rich and influential, sincere and cultured. He was earnest in his desire to live righteously, that he might live eternally. He had high aspirations, and a benevolent spirit. If doing good deeds and living an upright life could win salvation, surely he would be on the road to heaven. He had kept every commandment, from his youth . . . at least he thought he had, yet the challenge of Jesus was sufficient to prove he had not. He did not love his neighbor as himself; he could not recognize God in the person of Jesus. Therefore he lacked capacity to "do" the thing he desired most.

Mark says, "Jesus beholding him loved him," or "looked lovingly upon him." The young man's sincerity, frankness and nearness to the Kingdom of God, won our Lord's regard. He observed to the best of his ability, all outward demands of the Law . . . but inwardly, his heart remained unregenerate.

3. Only one way. Although this earnest and lovable young man placed an authoritative grasp upon the affections of the Master, this did not deter Christ from pointing out the thing which would result in the loss of eternal salvation. "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me." Mark 10:21.

Only one thing! A dollar, or even a dime, held before the eyes, obscures the vision to all else. The young fellow, knowing the Law of Moses, should have remembered the great decision of the Law Giver who esteemed "the reproach of Christ greater riches, than the treasures in Egypt."

Jesus sought to sever the inquirer completely from the taproot that held him to the "beggarly elements" of the world. He who yields ALL to Christ becomes a true heir to the kingdom of heaven. But alas! the record says, the young man "went away sorrowful." Mark says, he "was sad" or "sullen," and "went away grieved." Only through spiritual eyesight does one see the "weak and beggarly elements" of the world in their true relationship to the eternal verities of God.

Oct. 10, 1943
Reverence For God
Ex. 20:3; Matt. 4:10; 6:9; John 4:24

GOLDEN TEXT: "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24.

The Pentateuch contains many ordinances relative to man's responsibility to God and to our fellow men. But the Ten Commandments stand apart from all others, because they embrace the great basic and eternal principles upon which man's welfare and happiness depend. While this Law was given originally as part of a civil code, yet it is today the

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foundation of orderly government among civilized nations.

At Calvary, a greater Law was "written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." II Cor. 3:3. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Jesus Christ is the only Person known on this earth Who never violated a single one of the Ten Commandments. Because of this fact, the Law ended with Him. His resurrection life, imparted to believers, causes the Law to become embedded in their hearts. He is our Legal Substitute, having conquered the Law. He is our Vital Substitute, having communicated His conquering Presence to us through the experience of the new birth.

But triumph over the Law does not mean that humanity is exempt from its demands. Every one of the Commandments, except the Fourth, is specifically mentioned in the New Testament, and made stronger in the teachings of Christ. The Christian does as he pleases, because it is his heart purpose to please God.

The lesson for today deals primarily with the first three commandments, pertaining particularly to one's duty to God.

1. God spoke. These words, written by the finger of God upon tables of stone, were spoken to Moses on the Mount, just prior to the sin of Israel in demanding an idol to worship. They wanted a visible god, but God demands spiritual worship and true reverence, and not the hideous sensual orgies accorded the false gods of heathenism. Centuries of time and much suffering were required for Israel to realize this fact.

2. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. This is the first commandment. Paul says those who worship created things as gods, are fools: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image." Romans 1:20-23.

Of course there are other idols, besides those made of wood and stone, before which human beings may prostrate themselves. This commandment demands that God shall be given preeminence in all of our affairs.

3. Thou shalt not make an image and worship it. There are some who take this Commandment so literally, that they will have no pictures or works of art around them. The Mohammedans adorn their mosques with only abstract designs. Some religious sects refuse to allow their children to play with dolls, because they are "graven images." If we were more spiritual and less material, such prejudices would not exist. Too often the letter of the law takes precedence over the spirit. The word's "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them," indicates the meaning of the reference. God demands heart service, and the failure to render it brings retribution.

While Scripture anticipated the modern law of heredity, carrying the warning that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children even to the fourth generation, inspiration also indicated through the prophet Ezekiel that everyone is responsible for his own sin, and none need lay the blame upon another. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4.

Yet, there is truth in the old adage, "To have a good child one must begin with the grandparents." We are also told: "The behavior of a parent affects the circumstances in which his son's moral will must operate, and the deeds of one generation condition the action of its successors."

But if the sin of one generation brings sorrow and suffering to the next, God is still a God of mercy and loving kindness. "Shewing mercy unto thousands of generations of them that love me and keep my commandments." Retribution through three or four generations, but mercy unto thousands!

4. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain. This does not always mean to use the name of God in a profane way, but also in a light manner; disregarding the reverence which should be accorded the Creator of all things. To speak lightly of Him, will cause one to think lightly of Him.

The present hour witnesses an alarming increase in the use of profanity. One sees it in the daily newspapers and secular magazines: one hears it over the radio, on the streets, in homes and at social gatherings. It seems to advance hand in hand, with the use of intoxicating liquor. A leading daily paper recently stated, that unless something is done to check this evil, Americans must soon become known as the most foul-mouthed race of people on earth.

The use of profanity indicates mental and spiritual inertia. It is trite, stupid, vulgar. It is wicked, and God "will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

5. True Worship. When ancient Israel desired a visible representation of their God, the Wilderness Tabernacle was given them—to which they could bring offerings before the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant. The Shekinah Glory burned in this sacred place. But when the fulness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son to teach humanity that true worship is a thing of the spirit, rather than sight.

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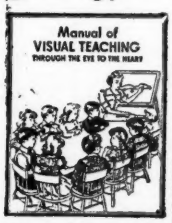

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"It sure does. I raise grain; it is up to you whether you want to eat it or drink it. Well, I've got to get back to work." B-4

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EQUALLY insidious and contrary to fact, is the cleverly conceived series of liquor cartoons, known as "The Old Judge," now appearing in rural newspapers throughout the Nation.

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